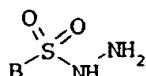


where B, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are as defined in claim 1,

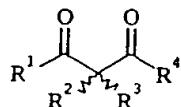
which comprises reacting sulfohydrazines of the formula IV,



IV

M

in which B is as defined in claim 1 with diketones of the formula III,



III

in which the substituents are each as defined in claim 1.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8 are pending. The above amendment eliminates multiple dependencies and places the claims in better form for U.S. practice.

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